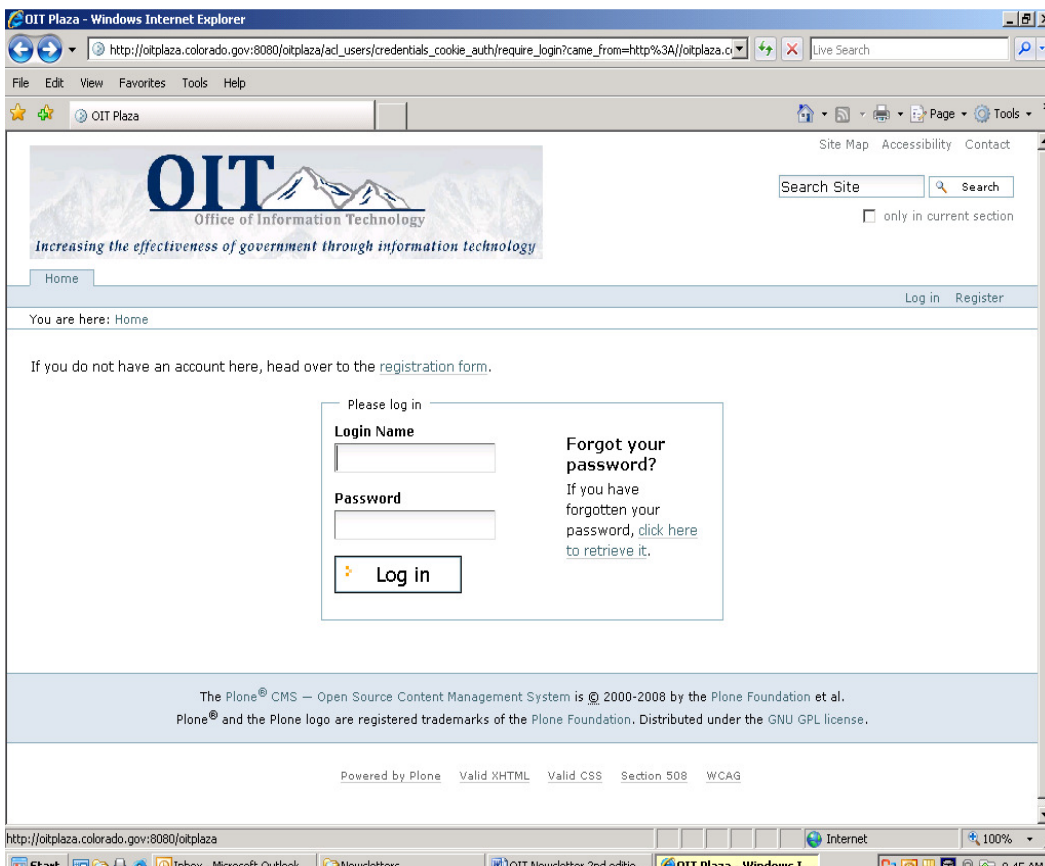


OIT Plaza

OIT Plaza was announced in early July as a virtual meeting place for people, ideas, and information. It is a way for colleagues in OIT to help each other by sharing successes, learning from mistakes, and being "in-the-know" about IT in the State of Colorado.

The site is intended to be dynamic and will change as OIT grows and evolves. As you will see when you sign up the site is in the beginning stages of development and the reason for this is because the site administrators need your input on what types of information and sharing would be most useful to you.

As of August 11, 2008 there were over 420 IT employees signed up to use the site and the number grows each day. These 420 people represent about 40 percent of the OIT organization and the organization hopes to have 100 percent participation before the holidays. "It is great to see the level of participation that OIT Plaza has received" stated John Conley, Deputy State CIO, "It shows that the IT professionals in Colorado want a vehicle to communicate with one another."



Inside OIT Plaza you can find a plethora of information. Currently, there are 10 tabs with each tab representing an area of content. For example, in the "OIT Templates" tab you will find templates for letterhead, presentations, memorandums, & more. In "OIT Organization" one can find job announcements and in "Enclaves" one is able to post comments and have dialogue with their colleagues by using the "Open Forum" section. "We have given the employees a tool to communicate that is unprecedented in Colorado" stated Mike Locatis, State Chief Information Officer.

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Positions Filled and Announced

Since July 1, 2008 the Office of Information Technology has been filling positions that are necessary to improve the organization of information technology in Colorado. A number of personnel have been hired and other positions have been posted.

These positions were hired in July 2008. OIT Controller, OIT Budget Director, OIT Purchasing Manager, and a HR Technician. The OIT Controller position was filled by Brenda Berlin, the Budget Director position by David Chittenden, the Purchasing Manager by Thirza Kennedy, and the HR Technician by Shahram Ghadimi-Navai. OIT is excited to have these dedicated professionals join the team and looks forward to having them help with the implementation of SB08-155.

“By establishing the back office for the Office of Information Technology we are laying the foundation for an improved IT organization and function for each and every state department” stated Todd Olson, Chief Operating Officer.

There are three positions that are currently posted. These positions are as follows.

- General Professional III (Purchasing Agent)
- General Professional VI (Project Manager Director)
- General Professional VI (Contracts and Procurement Director)

OIT posts these positions on sites such as OIT Plaza, the state job site, & Craigslist.

For more information regarding these employment opportunities please visit the state's employment page at www.colorado.gov or select the “OIT Organization” tab in OIT Plaza and go to the “Job Postings” folder.

“We have been seeing a tremendous amount of interest for all of the positions within OIT” stated Heather Perdue, HR Director, “We see an enthusiasm for the mission that OIT has been charged with and that shows in the number of applicants as well as the experience they bring to the table.”

These positions were created with the passage of SB08-155 and are being filled to ensure successful operations for the OIT. It still remains the intent of OIT to use vacancies in order to fill key enterprise roles such as Enterprise Network Director or Statewide Data Center Director. Everyone is encouraged to apply for any position that interests.

State Multi-Use Network

The current contract for the State's MNT is set to expire on June 30, 2010. For some that may seem like a long time, but for those of you involved in contract negotiations you understand the process of building requirements, releasing an RFP, evaluating and awarding the RFP, and all the other tasks that will go into this project will take a considerable amount of time. The Office of Information Technology has assigned Mr. Danny Parks as the Project Manager for this project. He is in the process of developing a charter and working on the details of the project. In the coming weeks and months you will begin to hear more about this project and some will be asked to participate in a variety of ways. The MNT is used by local governments, school districts, state agencies, and others. It is truly a state asset and an initiative that is important to the State of Colorado. Please stay tuned.

State-wide Skills Assessment

The Office of Information Technology will be rolling out the State-wide Skills Assessment in August/September. This skills assessment will allow the organization to know what skills are available and being utilized across the enterprise. It will improve project planning and training for state employees. The departmental CIOs have more information about this project and there will be communications posted on OIT Plaza. Please be sure to check in often for updates and announcements.



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Schedule of Events

- Every Wednesday EGC
- Every Monday OIT Leadership Meeting
- Every Wednesday OIT Senior Staff Meeting
- Please visit the OIT website for more information.
- August 25-28th, The Democratic National Convention. For more information please visit www.denvergov.org

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